



# Smoke Signals

East Tamar Newsletter

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## **NBN COMES TO THE WINDERMERE CAFÉ! FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER**

To celebrate the good news that high-speed fibre-optic broadband will be rolled out to the Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay area, **Get Connected** members have organised with NBN Co to make a special presentation to our community.

**WHEN: Friday 26 October**

**WHERE: Windermere Corner Café, at TGIF from 5.30-7.30 p.m.**

Lalla Mackenzie, NBN Co Lead Community Account Manager, Rollout Engagement Group, and Trent Williams, GM of External Affairs NBN Co, will make their presentation at 6.30 p.m., followed by question time.

***But not all is sweetness and light. There are still some major questions that need answers. See below. And come prepared!***

### **TGIF ALWAYS A GOOD NIGHT OUT**

Kerrie and Maree and team will be serving hot meals as usual, and Sheena and Tim will be there with their award-winning Native Point wines.

Five local politicians are planning to attend, so it will make for a lively evening of discussion and good cheer.

### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME**

This is your opportunity to find out how the high-speed broadband will work for you. Ask your questions in person.

#### **For example, 20 questions:**

1. How do I connect to the NBN?
2. Is it mandatory to have the broadband box installed?
3. How much does the installation cost? What does that cost cover? (Is it true I will no longer pay for line rental and landline phone calls, and that these will be covered by my broadband subscription?)
4. Will I need to rewire my home or business?
5. Will I need to upgrade my computer equipment?
6. Can I stay with my current internet or phone provider?
7. What are my options if I am outside the proposed fibre rollout (FTTH) 'footprint'?
8. If I don't want Broadband, can I get a voice-only service over the NBN?
9. How can the high-speed broadband assist my business? (What can it mean for my tourism business? How will it help me if I am a teleworker?)

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Ron commenced as a cadet civil engineer with Gutteridge, Haskins and Davey.

His career included employment with The Launceston City Council, various construction firms and he retired as Construction Superintendent with Works Tasmania.

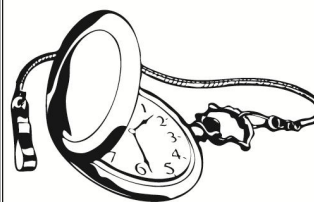
This man's professional flexibility is demonstrated by work that included construction and supervision of roads, bridges, highways, rail bridges throughout the state and in Metropolitan Melbourne. His farsightedness is demonstrated by him setting up, in 1995, the firm Tas Eco Homes with its emphasis on innovative design.

His legacy to our area and to all users of the East Tamar Highway is the underpass at the southern end of John Lees Drive. Although he achieved an improved design for the northern access he remained concerned for the safety of users of this road junction. As technical expert Ron was a highly valued member of the Dilston Bypass Safety Committee. His quiet, thoughtful, irrefutable arguments and polite insistence was invaluable. As a direct result of his input drivers of cars and school buses have far safer access to the highway.

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## Garden Club News

.....by Ros Ryan

Eighteen members came together on a beautiful Spring day in September to catch up after a few months off.

Anna & Jonathon Waterhouse were our hosts, and we all enjoyed Finger food and a good chinwag.

The gardens & lawns neat as always, with Fruit trees just coming into blossom. Veggie garden planted out with

Lettuce, Radish, Chives & Brocolini.

Beautiful large Camellias' and Rhodos line the driveway all in flower, making a lovely view as you look towards the River.

We admired Spring bulbs, Star Magnolia, Hellebores and Azalea to name just a few of their garden plants. Spring is truly a lovely time in the garden.

Lovely day, thank you Anna & Jonathan for your hospitality.

### NEXT MEETS - ALL WELCOME

OCTOBER KULMAREN - 514 LALLA RD

KAROOOLA. Bring a picnic & drink and we will have it in the grounds.

OCT 12th meet at 12-15 -12.30 at the garden. Picnic tables available, also plant nursery.

NOVEMBER Val & Max Janssen - Dilston

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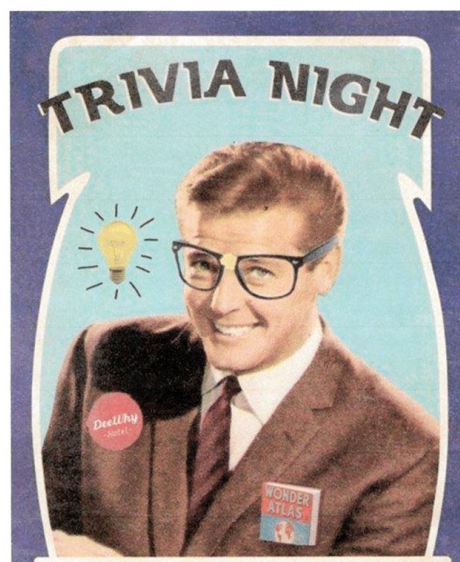
**Part 2....**I left you all swimming around in the drum like cavity of the middle ear last time.

Looking inwards towards the brain we see an oval like window which transmits pressure waves, that have arrived here either through the ossicles or through direct changes in the air pressure within the middle ear. We have all experienced pain and dizziness with changes in altitude, lifts, planes and even driving down a hill can cause us to experience this. The oval window transmits these changes to the inner ear, a series of fluid filled circular canals: lines with fine hairs of varying length which can interpret these changes into noise and awareness of position or balance.

Persistent loud noises greater than about 60 decibels can damage these hair cells leading to deafness. This use to be prevalent only in industrial sites but with the common wearing of MP3 players, we are getting a new generation of people developing deafness from about 40 onwards. If people around the wearer of the MP3 player can also hear the music then it is definitely too loud. Bone conduction head phones as worn by the military and some sports people are a way of over coming this potential danger as well as leaving the person wearing them receptive to sounds around them. Unfortunately, to my knowledge, these are still only available on sites like E bay.

The inner ear is also responsible for tinnitus, that is the constant ringing in the ear; worse when things are quiet. Exact cause is unknown but in many cases seems to be related to either viral infections or noise damage in earlier life. , **Dr Don**

## HILLWOOD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING



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and support of

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**Dr Don Hempton**

**The Windermere GP**

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## NBN COMES TO THE WINDERMERE CAFÉ! FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

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10. What B2B material can you provide me with now to prepare for my NBN connection?
11. How reliable and secure is the NBN?
12. When can I expect Multicast TV via broadband?
13. What is 'Telehealth', which I have heard so much about?
14. How will the NBN impact online education?

### SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS ALSO NEED TO BE ANSWERED

Despite constant efforts to determine NBN's exact fibre optic footprint for our area, **Get Connected** is still waiting to learn the details from NBN Co.

Apparently not everybody's home will be offered the fibre optic connection; some will get 'fixed wireless', or even satellite, depending on its location.

#### Get Connected wants to know:

15. How much will it cost to connect a home that is further than the standard 30 metres from the main fibre optic cable infrastructure?  
(See [www.nbnco.com.au/getting-connected/network-extension.html](http://www.nbnco.com.au/getting-connected/network-extension.html))
16. If a house/premises is more than 30 metres from the infrastructure, and the owners cannot afford the extra cost of the FTTH connection, is the default option fixed wireless? Are there any costs involved for that option?
17. Is there any guarantee the copper cable /exchange, with ADSL2+ capability, will not be phased out by Telstra? Does Telstra own the copper, and whose responsibility are maintenance costs once NBN is in place?
18. What are the planned locations in our area for fixed wireless towers that will support premises that are allocated 'fixed wireless' broadband?  
(**Get Connected** reports that a growing number of communities and local Councils have rejected these 40-metre high communication towers)

### IF YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

19. What is the Digital Enterprise Program?
20. What is the Digital Communities Initiative? Can our community participate?

### ROLLOUT SCHEDULED TO START MAY 2013

The first steps will involve NBN Co surveyors in our neighbourhood, and NBN Co expects the rollout to be completed within 12 months.

According to Lalla Mackenzie: 'Fibre areas are determined by design engineering principles, population density and existing infrastructure, Telstra conduits for example'. She added that fibre will reach premises within 30 metres of the rollout and that those living further than that can request an Adjacent Fibre Network Extension (cost to be determined on an *ad hoc* basis).

(See <http://www.nbnco.com.au/getting-connected/network-extension/pricing.html>)

Some pockets in the area may not be included in the fibre rollout, she noted, and those premises will get 'fixed wireless'.

**TIP:** It might be helpful to measure the approximate distance of your home from John Lees Drive or Windermere Road, depending on where you live, so you can ask specifically about your own connection.

**Get Connected** notes that the recent NBN rollout map shows 400 premises in the Dilston, Windermere, Swan Bay area have been allocated fibre in the 2013 phase of the NBN rollout, approximating the current total number of houses.

*Congratulations and many thanks for the research and diligent pursuit of this issue by Trixie Gillard and the GET CONNECTED team.*  
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## THANKS COACH! ..... by Buck Emberg

This story was received just after Smokesignals was last published. I thought it was a great comment o the hype of the Olympics so chose to let you read it in this edition.....THANKS Buck; we miss your enthusiasm in this community. Ed.

The Hoo-ha which surrounds the London Olympics has forced Joan and me to go fishing in George's Bay.

We hear the salmon are running and we will certainly be more entertained than we are from the Super Hype screeched at us by wildly exaggerating sports announcers telling us *ad nauseum* that 'Charlie Blogs' is the best swimmer/runner/wrestler in the history of the world. Hungry for sensation, TV stations are sneaking ancient events from former Olympic Games. The ads show competitors standing with gold medals around their necks as they grin and gesture brainlessly.

It was worst said (and perhaps the most ignorant statement made in the history of the world) by the American football coach of the Green Bay Packers, Vince Lombardi. His alleged quote is, "Winning isn't everything. It is the ONLY thing."

GOLD! GOLD! GOLD! announcers shriek and their crescendo dies to a murmur when the anointed athlete only achieves second place. What a disgusting parody of humanity they force upon the viewers. People are better than robots digitally dancing to dandy jingles.

I had a sports coach, almost 65 years ago. His name was Henry Chapman. He liked to win as we all did. For Henry, winning was

not the only thing. With hard work and loads of luck I learned to throw the discus. I guess I was good...at least better than many other teen age young men. Henry was proud of me when I took first place in the district track meet and even more proud when, at the regionals, I placed for the Minnesota State Track Meet. The contest was in the University Stadium which seated sixty thousand people.

I was crushed. I placed fourth or possibly fifth. Henry came up to me after my vaunted failure and said, "Congratulations Buck, you are the fourth best discus thrower in the state of Minnesota. I am proud of you!"

Many decades later it is still possible to say, "Thanks Coach". You see, Henry taught me the living lesson of playing the game, trying to win and moving on with satisfaction and not worry about being a hero which I never really was anyhow.

Gold? Sometimes. Silver? Sometimes. Bronze? Sometimes. Really, the human condition is more like...well, forget the philosophy, I am going fishing. The salmon are running...and so am I.

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The Tamar Valley Film Society's Committee is pleased to offer a 2012-2013 membership discount for those persons paying their membership fees prior to the COB on ☐ Thursday 11 October 2012.

For couples paying before this date the annual fee will be \$60:00 instead of the usual \$70:00 and for singles it will be \$35:00 instead of the usual \$40:00.

You have an option to pay by either cheque or by EFT and to make your choice please visit our website which is [www.tamarvalleyfilmsociety.org](http://www.tamarvalleyfilmsociety.org) where you will find the membership application form and EFT details.

The launch of the Film Society will take place on Friday evening 12 October 2012 in the Exeter Primary School Hall commencing at 6:30pm for 7:30pm start.

A gold coin donation as an initial entrance fee on the night will be charged to assist with the start up costs of the Society.

Refreshments will be provided during this time and a complimentary glass of Tamar Valley wine will be provided and refills will be at a cost

of \$5:00.

A small plate of both hot and cold finger foods will be available for purchase at a reasonable cost.

We would be pleased that if your are attending the launch if you would advise us by the COB on Thursday 11 October 2011 for catering and seating arrangements on [tamarvalleyfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:tamarvalleyfilmsociety@gmail.com)

There will be a provision for disabled parking and some may wish to bring a small cushion.

**So please tell you family, your relatives, your friends, your business associates, your other community and business organisations' committees and their respective Members to support this Community driven initiative.**

For further information please ring Nigel Whawell the Society's President on 6394 7158 or Laura Hays the Secretary on 6383 4397 (AH).

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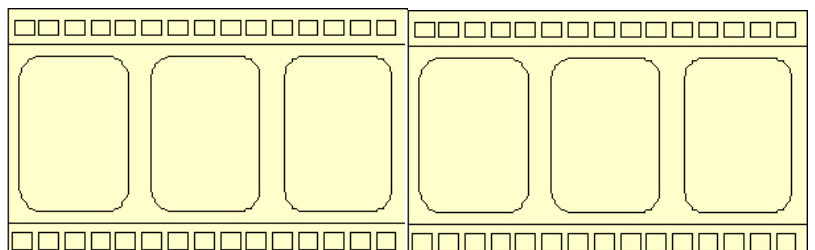
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I will be running a **PINK event at Dilston Hall on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012** to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. As well as this, Lisa will be selling raffle tickets to also raise money. If you are interested in finding out more, either about the **PINK** event, workshops, demonstrations or just want to look at a catalogue, please feel free to call me on 0425 256 777

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## Celery for Summer Salads..... Jon Hosford

Celery can be quite a difficult crop to grow if you try to grow it from seed. It takes a long time to germinate in cool weather. The best idea to grow celery successfully in cool climates is to start with strong seedlings purchased from a nursery and transplant them into prepared ground with a little fertiliser about mid October once the weather has warmed up a little. If you do this they should bear well for you over summer, autumn and winter.

The only problem with the timing of this planting is that if you get a cool run of weather, the celery plants will be stimulated to run to seed once the weather warms, thinking they have already overwintered.

Space your seedlings at 30cm x 30cm centres. This way they will help each other to grow strong and tall through competition.



If you are sowing seed, sow it in shallow drills mixed with some finely sieved compost. It will germinate more easily this way and as long as you keep the compost moist, it should germinate within a couple of weeks. If it is grown from seed from about mid October, you should have no problems with it running to seed.

Most celery varieties these days do not need blanching, but if you like your celery stalks white like I do, cover the plants with a milk carton or a 30 cm length of poly pipe sawn in half so that the stalks are excluded from the light. Use rubber bands to hold the 2 sections of pipe together. Sprinkle snail bait around the plants as you do not want slugs to make a home within the covers you have established. Side dress the plants regularly with COF or water with Comfrey tea.

Celery plants love water and must be given liberal and regular amounts to grow well, especially in the heat of summer.

You can start to use the outer stalks about mid December in salads. They are fully mature by late Autumn which is when I use them in soups. You do not need to cut the entire plant as market gardeners do. Celery tolerates continuous light pickings through the Winter months lasting until it bolts to seed in the Spring.

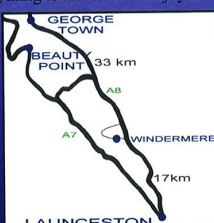


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## Birds of The Tamar .... Jon Hosford



(Photo: Keith Hindley Australian Bird image database)

You may have seen this duck locally and not have fully



understood what you were seeing.

At this time of the year around Dilston, Windermere and Swan Bay, you will sometimes see a spray of water appear from a distant bird somewhere in the shallow areas of the

It is most likely the display behaviour of a male Musk duck trying to attract or re-bond a female partner.

Musk Ducks are found only in Australia. They range from north-west Western Australia, through the south and east to southern Queensland, and can be found several hundred kilometres inland in some areas in wet years. They are our largest duck, and despite their size, are great divers, securing most of their food from the bottom of their habitat. They eat aquatic insects, snails, frogs and aquatic weeds. The male is decorated with a large bulbous lobe of skin hanging under his bill. This sac increases in size at the start of the breeding season.

The male Musk Duck has an energetic courtship display. He raises and fans the tail over the back, inflates the lobe on the throat, splashes water with vigorous kicks of his feet and throws his head back while uttering a loud whistle. This display is performed for long periods at a time, both night and day. The nest is a large cup of trampled vegetation, loosely lined with fine grasses and feathers, and is hidden in dense reeds. One clutch of eggs is laid each year.

## Fire Brigade News.... Raoul Stowe

Following the recent officer elections, the Dilston Fire Brigade would like to acknowledge the outgoing Brigade Chief, Rob Montague, and the outgoing 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer, David Lake, for their dedicated service to the brigade. They held these positions for the past 15 years and before that were active members of the brigade. Both Rob and David remain with the brigade in leading firefighter roles with their experience invaluable in mentoring newer members.

With the weather starting to warm up the brigade training focus has begun to shift back towards our vegetation exposures and as such we are looking at where we need take action with regard to hazard reduction. If you have concerns about any area within the Brigade's responsibility then please feel free to contact us on the numbers below. Further to this the brigade will contact property owners should we feel there is a need to work together to reduce a fire risk.

It is also worth mentioning that even though residents are free to burn off outside the fire permit periods, the brigade asks that all fires over that of normal backyard waste burning be registered with the Tasmania Fire Service communications center in Hobart on 1800 000 699 (FREECALL - All Hours). This enables potentially false call outs to be avoided.

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The Christmas edition of Smokesignals will feature local businesses and their crafts.

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Friday November 30th



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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th AT 11:30 AM**

At St Matthias' Church, WINDERMERE

*Following the 10:30 Eucharist Service*

Weather permitting the ceremony will be held in the church grounds.

In case of rain it will be held inside the church.



## OWNER'S NOTE

Please leash your pets or place them in their carrier

## PET'S NOTE

If you are sick or cannot come, your owner may bring your picture to be blessed



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WILL FOLLOW THE CEREMONY

## November 14—World Diabetes Day

The Parish is endeavouring to floodlight our two churches with blue to help us remember this disease which affects so many people. So if St Matthias' is lit up in

## ST MATTHIAS' SERVICES

Sunday 14 October

10:30 am Eucharist Service

11:30 am Blessing of the Pets Ceremony

Sunday 28 October

10:30 am Eucharist Service

**SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

**10:30 am Eucharist Service (CANCELLED)**

Sunday 25 November

10:30 am Eucharist Service

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## HOLY TRINITY SERVICES

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8:30 am Eucharist Service

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

**SPECIAL DEFENCE FORCES SERVICE  
11.11.12**

Sunday 10:30 am (see note below)

(1st Sunday) 5:30 pm Choral Evensong

(2nd Sunday) 5:30 pm—Growing in Faith  
Together

(3rd Sunday) 5:30 pm—Taize Service

(4th Sunday) 5:30 pm

## **SPECIAL DEFENCE FORCES SERVICE—HOLY TRINITY—11.11.12—10:30 am**

All members of the Defence Forces and parents and families are invited to attend. The Anglican Bishop of the Defence Forces will deliver the address.

**The service will include 'The Trooping of the Colours' which is quite a show.**

Note from S Speed: I can tell you that this Service is a spectacular and very moving Service for the Defence Forces.